

SENATE WATCH

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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1143 (LELAND)

SB 1143 would increase fees for vital record searches. Vital records include birth, death, marriage, divorce and acknowledgement of paternity records. Fees are charged for records, for searches to find records, and for the creation of new vital records after an adoption or an acknowledgement of paternity.

• SB 1143 passed [RC 644: 31 yes, 7 no].

SB 1164 (EMERSON)

Currently, nursing facilities must hold a bed open, if a patient is absent and expected to return, for 10 days for emergency medical treatment and 18 days for therapeutic medical treatment. Currently, the state must continue to pay the daily rate during the absence. SB 1164 would allow the payment provision only in the case that the facility has 100% occupancy (excluding beds being held open for this purpose.)

• SB 1164 passed [RC 645: 38 yes, 0 no].

SB 1293 (Cropsey) SB 1317 (Kuipers)

<u>Senate Bill 1293</u> would declare that February 6 of each year be known as "Ronald Wilson Reagan Day" to commemorate "the significant role President Ronald Reagan played in the history of this nation".

• SB 1293 passed [RC 642: 34 yes, 3 no].

<u>Senate Bill 1317</u> would create the "Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Monument Fund Commission Act" to create a commission to oversee the financing, design, site location, and construction of a memorial monument dedicated to former President Reagan; solicit designs for the monument; and select its final design.

- BASHAM 1 (10 amends) was defeated [no RC]. This would have extended the monument commission to include all U.S. presidents.
- SB 1317 passed [RC 643: 24 yes, 13 no (DEMS)].

SB 1349 (BARCIA)

SB 1349 amends the Surplus Funds act to extend the terms of the current \$5 million loan to the sugar beet growers' cooperative. SB 1349 amends the \$5 million of surplus funds that was loaned to sugar growers for the creation of a cooperative in 2001. The new provisions allow for the state treasurer to subordinate the loan to the primary loan of the sugar beet growers' cooperative and relinquish enforcement powers under the current contract. The subordination is necessary for the current proposed financing structure.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated.
- BARCIA 2 (S-3) was adopted.
- BARCIA 2A (1 amend) was adopted.
- SB 1349 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 1349 passed [RC 648: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4742 (LaSata)

House Bill 4742 would re-instate language pertaining to probationers paying minimum state costs and supervision fees that was inadvertently removed by recently legislation dealing with probationers and GED certificates. Failure to pass this bill may cost the state over \$1 million.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4742 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 4742 passed with IE [RC 637: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 5113 (Kooiman) HB 5114 (SAK)

Under current law, a county with a population over 600,000 must have between 25 and 35 county commissioners, yet the Kent County commission contends that it should not be forced expand beyond its current 19 members.

<u>House Bill 5113</u> would make a similar change for charter counties, and would require that those counties with more than 600,000 residents have not more than 35 commissioners.

• HB 5113 passed [RC 639: 22 yes, 15 no]. Immediate Effect was defeated [no RC]. Hammerstrom moved to consider defeat of IE and the bill was then given IE.

<u>House Bill 5114</u> would permit Kent County (or any other non-charter county with a population of 600,001 to 1 million residents) to operate with 35 or fewer commissioners. The bill would not affect those counties with populations over 1 million, which would still be required to have between 25 and 35 commissioners.

- BASHAM 1 (1 amend) was defeated [RC 640: 15 yes (DEMS), 23 no]. This would have returned the number of required commissioners back to 19 (the substitute reduced the number from 19 to 17). BASHAM: This is an attempt to eliminate Democratic members from the Kent county commission.
- HB 5114 passed with IE [RC 641: 23 yes, 15 no].

HB 5118 (KOLB)

HB 5118 require the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission (proposed by Senate Bill 753) to study the environmental threats of lead poisoning to children's health; review the State's lead poisoning prevention program; evaluate the effectiveness of the program, including its ability to satisfy Federal law

requirements that 100% of all young children enrolled in Medicaid be screened with a blood lead test; and make recommendations for the program's improvement.

• HB 5118 passed with IE [RC 638: 36 yes, 1 no (Sanborn)].

HB 5802 (DeRossett)

HB 5802 would bring Michigan into compliance with the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act; enhance record-sharing between various State departments, other states, and the court system; and help ensure that only qualified, safe drivers operate vehicles on the nation's roads. The State faces the loss of millions of dollars in Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program funds and Federal aid highway funds if the safety provisions of the Federal law are not incorporated into State statute.

- BRATER 1 (1 amend) was defeated [RC 646: 16 yes, 22 no].
- HB 5802 passed with IE [RC 647: 38 yes, 0 no].